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E. V. GASKINS,	Greenville.
J. H. LOCKHART,	McLeansboro.
T. W. KINDER,	Venice.
W. M. CROME,	Collinsville.
J. B. RUSSELL,	Fredonia.
H. HARKLEROAD,	Venice.
W. A. VANCIL,	Waverly.
J. C. GATES,	Roscoe, Minn.
J. T. LEECH,	Shawneetown.
J. H. EARP,	Lebanon.
A. A. LASITER,	McLeansboro.
I. GERE,	Lebanon.
J. A. BLAIR,	Lebanon.
T. J. GILBERT,*	Summerfield.
R. WANGELIN,	Lebanon.
J. S. LANNING,*	Petersburg.
OLIVER FLICK,	Alton.

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
1859.	
J. S. LANNING,*	PETERSBURG.
OLIVER FLICK,	ALTON.
W. W. ELIFF, B. S., L. L. B.	ST. JACOBS.
R. M. LOVELL,	OMEGA.
C. A. SPENCER, L. L. B.,	DUQUOIN.
C. C. BOGGS,	FAIRFIELD.
J. H. LOWE, B. S.,	SUMMERFIELD.
J. D. NEVILLE,	CHESTER.
N. P. ROBINSON, L. L. B.,	MARSHALL.
ALBERT JUDD,	PALO ALTO.
W. W. LEMON, B. S., L. L. B.,*	DUQUOIN.
J. KATHAN,*	ST. JACOBS.
R. M. HARGRAVE,	JOHNSONVILLE.
SAM. L. DWIGHT,	MT. VERNON.
JEHU FIELDS,	LOUISVILLE.
C. L. MOORE,	"
W. P. HUNTER,	MARINE.
H. S. WILSON,	SHAWNEETOWN.
1860.	
C. B. DARRON,	
BOON GRIFFIN, B. S.,*	BELLEVILLE.
H. L. CHURCH,	RENAULT.
W. H. ASHLEY,	LEBANON.
J. W. SPENCER,	DUQUOIN.
WM. MARTIN,	MONTICELLO.
L. WEBB,	ROSCOE, MINN.
R. RAPIER,	BELLEVILLE.
EDWIN BAKER,	ST. LOUIS.
E. M. ARMSTRONG,	WYANDOTTE, KAN.
C. A. JEWETT,	LEBANON.
E. WANGELIN,	"
F. B. SCOTT,	"
R. H. ANDERSON,	"
J. H. HYPES,	"
J. T. GOODSON,	CARROLTON, MO.
T. J. PITNER, B. S.,	ARENZVILLE.
C. T. OLIVER,	BREMEN.
D. C. CAMPBELL,	STEEL'S MILLS.
P. L. WILLIAMSON,	UTAH TERR.
S. R. WILLIAMSON,	ELKHORN.
J. F. PRESTON,	HOWARD'S POINT.
J. W. SAILOR,	FAIRFIELD.
S. G. GOHEEN,	URBANA, O.
JAS. COCKERELL,	KINMUNDY.

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
W. COCKERELL,	KINMUNDY.
GEO. R. PRENTICE,	LEBANON.
J. A. FIKE,	HEALDSBURG, CAL.
T. W. B. DAWSON,	TROY.
W. M. NELSON,	RED BUD.
G. W. BAILEY,	LEBANON.
J. N. MILLER	TAMAROA.
W. M. CHRISTIAN, L. L. B.,	"
G. W. HUNGATE,	LOUISVILLE.
A. F. HOIT,	LEBANON.

1861.

F. M. HERMAN,	LARKENSBURG.
W. F. GOHEEN,	LEBANON.
W. H. SHEPHERD,	"
J. F. BLACK,	SALEM.
A. HECKER,	LEBANON.
M. NIXON,	WATERLOO.
J. ELAM, L. L. B.,	MULBERRY GROVE.
S. SLAWSON,	DUQUOIN.
S. R. WHITAKER,	LEBANON.
J. I. THOMPSON,	RICHVIEW.
C. H. HOUSE,	ASHLEY.
T. T. ELLIS,	NASHVILLE.
T. N. LIVESAY,	RICHVIEW.
W. HOSKINS,	CENTRALIA.
B. M. HYPES,	LEBANON.
W. H. SELBY,	ST. LOUIS.

1862.

W. D. EDWARDS,	DELPHI.
H. A. CASTLE, B. S.,	QUINCY.
J. E. ALVIS,	NASHVILLE.
E. A. COBLEIGH,	LEBANON.
T. ELAM,	MULBERRY GROVE.
M. M. LIVESAY,	RICHVIEW.
O. C. LASLEY,	LEBANON.
A. HARRIS,	HARRISBURG.
E. B. MEATYARD,	SHIPMAN.
B. W. WILLIAMS,	LEBANON.
N. B. WASHBORNE,	WOBURN.
J. W. WHITE,	ASHLEY.
W. B. CHALACOMBE,	ALTON.
J. R. CHALACOMBE,	"
H. C. COFFEY,	TAMAROA.
G. O. BAILEY, B. S.,	LEBANON.

NAMES	RESIDENCES.
E. FITZGERALD,	Tamaroa.
D. M. HAWTHORNE,	Blair.
J. R. VOORHEES,	Jerseyville.
F. WEBB,	Summerfield.
WM. H. WALKER,	Jerseyville.
F. A. McCONAUGHY,	Lebanon.
J. McFAIN,	Jerseyville.
J. A. MEATYARD,	Shipman.
M. E. McLAUGHLIN,	Blair.
W. H. BLACK,	Lebanon

1863.

E. H. ELIFF,	St. Jacobs.
D. H. McFARLAND,	Steel's Mills.
G. W. PARKISON,	Highland.
J. STURGIS,	Mulberry Grove.
JOHN T. FOSTER,	Ashley.
C. SMITH,	Lebanon.
J. E. STRINGER,	Alton.
C. W. BONNER,	Bridgeport.
W. P. OLDEN, A. M.,	Brighton.
E. A. OLDEN,	"
H. G. EATON,	Pleasant Plains.
A. CROUCH,	Belle Prairie.
G. E. AKINS,	Nashville.
O. A. COBLEIGH,	Lebanon.
J. DEW,	Carlyle.
E. J. DALYRIMPLE,	Bridgeport.
P. CRESSY,	Tullula.
J. R. STEWART,	Nashville.
W. E. LIONS,	Marissa.
R. HUGHS,	Okaw.
W. N. LIONS,	Marissa.
J. W. WHITE,	Ashley.
S. N. WHITE,	Nashville.
M. B. AXLEY,	Waterloo.
D. A. BAKER,	Collinsville.
J. ERWIN,	Louisville.
J. J. FIKE,	Salem.
T. RING,	Brighton.
G. LIGGETT,	Lebanon.
W. H. MOORE,	Nashville.
W. M. JOHNSON,	Carlyle.
GEO. W. AKINS,	Nashville.

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.

1864.

C. H. BLOCK,	CHESTER.
J. G. ALLYN,	LEBANON.
T. J. WATSON,	HARDIN.
ORLANDO F. QUICK,	IRVINGTON.
E. R. GARRETT,	LEBANON.
W. L. BOSWELL,	TAMAROA.
T. W. KEET,	SPRINGFIELD, MO.
D. B. PARKISON,	HIGHLAND.
C. W. BLISS,	FILLMORE.
Z. R. REYNOLDS,	CARLYLE.
O. A. HARKER,	ST. LOUIS.
S. B. HORREL,	JACKSON, MO.
A. W. WILLIAMS,	CAPE GIRARDEAU.
J. T. GORDON,	JAMESTOWN.
J. B. LOGAN,	CARLINVILLE.
W. B. LUCAS,	VENICE.
B. S. FERGUSON,	JACKSON, MO.
OTTO WANGELIN,	BELLEVILLE.
W. A. WATERS,	GLENDALE.
J. E. KEET,	SPRINGFIELD, MO.
S. A. TUFFLIE,	CINCINNATI, O.
GEORGE SLATON,	GRAFTON.
T. J. VAUGHAN,	HECKER.
B. E. WETMORE,	DUQUOIN.
J. B. WILSFORD,	VIENNA.
M. S. FULLER,	RAMSAY.
T. J. BIRD,	BIRD'S POINT, MO.
W. E. BARCO,	VENICE.
H. SMITH,	ALBION.
G. W. FUNCK,	MASCOUTAH.
J. F. STITES,	SHILOH.
W. F. STITES,	"
A. G. SCOTT,	"
J. P. DOREY,	"

1865.

J. P. CHALACOMBE,	ALTON.
H. R. SACKETT,	MARINE.
A. A. PARKISON,	HIGHLAND.
HENRY McFATRIDGE,	VIENNA.
W. F. WILTON,	COLLINS STATION.
W. W. DEE,	ST. JACOBS.
T. J. JONES,	COLLINS STATION.
T. H. ALLIN,	KEYTESVILLE, MO.
A. P. GOODYKOONTZ,	LEBANON.

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
L. H. LEE,	Prairie Du Rocher.
W. H. LEE,	" "
LOUIS LANDAU,	Lebanon.
A. V. CORMAC,	O'Fallon.
J. G. WILSON,	Springfield.
J. E. SCOTT,	Shiloh.
J. M. YARBRO,	Covington, Tenn.
ALPHONZO HURT,	Keytesville, Mo.
M. CLARK,	Golconda.
JAMES HURT,	Keytesville, Mo.
J. B. WEST,	Lebanon.
W. L. NICHOLS,	"
L. A. BERGER,	"
J. C. GRIGG,	Woburn.
A. F. RODGERS,	Highland.
E. L. STOKER,	Centralia.
E. C. THAKE,	Caseyville.
W. H. BENNETT,	Perryville, Mo.
G. A. DETERDING,	Alton.
T. M. PIGG,	Mulberry Grove.
EDWARD YATES,	Griggsville.
R. C. P. PHILLIPS,	Nashville.
SAMUEL YOUNG,	Hillsboro.
W. F. FULLER,	Highland.
WARREN TRUITT,	Hillsboro.
S. P. SPARKS,	Warrensburg, Mo.
D. H. ALVIS,	Nashville.
J. M. DICKSON,	Perryville, Mo.
J. T. FARES,	Okaw.
S. G. BRYAN,	Lebanon.
LAMBERT SIDENER,	Howard's Point.
J. T. OGLE,	Litchfield.
J. T. RODGERS,	Rock Island, Ten.
J. E. RODGERS,	" "
T. H. LOGAN,	Summerfield.
HENRY BLANCK,	Lebanon.
F. E. COFFMANN,	Avon, Mo.
J. M. ECKERT,	Fayetteville.
HENRY ECKERT,	"
JAMES DUNN,	Chester.
GEORGE LANE,	Lebanon.
J. M. TRUITT,	Hillsboro.
J. E. PEELER,	Dongola.

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.

1866.

JACOB FORNIE,	Belleville.
J. A. ROBB,	Walshville.
I. T. ANDERSON,	St. Jacobs.
WILLIAM KNEWITZ,	Lenzburg.
D. A. THOMPSON,	Thompson, Kan.
B. F. BROCKETT,	Carmi.
LACCHEUS BOURNE,	Summer.
J. G. CUNNINGHAM,	Brighton.
HENRY SEITER,	Lebanon.
W. A. WORD,	Ingraham.
J. W. PIGG,	Mulberry Grove.
G. W. GRIGG,	Woburn.
C. A. PIPER,	Mt. Vernon.
J. W. HUNTER,	Marine.
J. H. BROWNLEE,	Lebanon.
EUGENE HOBBS,	St. Morgan.
A. C. BERNAYS,	Lebanon.
F. E. THORP,	Highland.
JOHN PATE,	Richview.
ELISHA RICE,	Ramsey.
S. G. FOSTER,	Auburn.
J. J. POSEY,	Carlyle.
G. K. EDWARDS,	McLeansboro.
T. C. AMES,	Red Bud.
J. M. ROBB,	Walshville.
CALVIN McEWEN,	Lebanon.
B. F. FREEMAN,	Lebanon.
JAMES HAYNES,	Zanesville.
R. D. ADAMS,	Fairfield.
J. W. McCORD,	Greenville.
J. S. McCORD,	"
D. S. BENNETT,	Lebanon.
C. W. WOOLVERTON,	Dongola.
HEZEKIAH SHORT,	Carlinville.
CHARLES CANNADY,	Okaw.
J. Q. M. MILLER,	Plum Hill.
A. M. BROWNLEE,	Lebanon,
P. L. ERWIN,	Lewisville.
J. T. HUDDLESTON,	Gillespie.
T. C. McFARLAND,	Steel's Mills.
J. P. BELL,	Lebanon.
J. H. BLUME,	Collinsville.
W. A. KELSOR,	Vandalia.

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
CHARLES BLACK,	Fairfield.
WILLIAM BRADSHAW,	"
ARTHUR BRADSHAW,	"

1867.

C. W. KENNEDY,	Nashville.
A. S. HARSHA,	Carmi.
J. R. CROWDER,	Grayville.
SAMUEL FLEISCHMAN,	Lebanon.
DAVID LOGAN,	Louisville.
T. G. PARKER,	Carmi.
E. B. CONDIT,	Centralia.
LEROY STALEY,	Carmi.
T. M. CROSSMAN,	Alton.
CHARLES SPIES,	Marine.
J. J. DOUGLAS,	Chester.
ALFRED ADAMS,	"
W. G. BARR,	Greenville.
L. F. BOHM,	Collinsville.
G. W. TOLLE,	Gillespie.
W. F. TOLLE,	"
G. W. GRIFFITH,	Fayetteville.
J. D. LEACH,	Trenton.
J. W. FLINT,	Lebanon.
H. H. McMICHAEL,	Greencastle.
JOHN KEESEE,	Vienna.
W. M. HAMPTON,	Litchfield.
ROBERT MITCHELL,	Gillespie.
J. R. WHITAKER,	Summerfield.
W. S. MARSHALL,	Centralia.
C. A. BLUE,	Carlinville.
J. C. PENTZER,	Gillespie.
R. J. STEPHENS,	Carlyle.
N. W. ALLEN,	Allenton, Mo.
H. F. CLARK,	Gillespie.
W. W. MABRY,	Vandalia.
JOHN HUFFMANN,	Staunton.
EMMETT NICHOLS,	St. Louis, Mo.
JAMES A. ANDERSON,	Lebanon.

* Deceased.

† Expelled.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

PLATONIAN LITERARY SOCIETY.

PREAMBLE.

For the purpose of promoting our advancement in knowledge, and qualifying ourselves for future usefulness, we do establish the following CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

The name of the association shall be the PLATONIAN LITERARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE II.

The object of this Society shall be the improvement of its members in Discussion, Oratory and Literature.

ARTICLE III.

The officers of this Society shall consist of two Editors, a President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Janitor and Librarian, two Critics, and a Chaplain.

ARTICLE IV.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Editors to conduct the manuscript paper of the Society, and read the same at the close of each Collegiate Term.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society, appoint all committees, give a casting vote whenever a tie may occur, (except in the election of officers,) assess all fines, grant any member leave of absence from the hall, call special meetings when the interests of the Society may demand it, or at the written request of five members, give the decision in the regular debate, and sign all orders drawn on the treasury.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Vice President to preside in the absence of the President, and in case of his permanent removal, shall act as chairman until the next regular election of officers; he shall collect all moneys due the Society, and hold the same, subject only to the order of the President, attested by the Recording Secretary; shall keep a just and true account of all moneys received, and take a receipt of all moneys paid out. At the end of his term of office he shall make out a full report to the Society, and shall have the said report, together with his books, examined, and their correctness certified to by the Financial Committee, and shall deliver these, and all moneys, to his successor in office.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Society, call the roll at the opening of each meeting, read the minutes of the preceding meeting, report all absentees, prepare and read an order of exercises two weeks in advance of the performance, and draw and attest all orders for money to be paid by the Society, and none others.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society, and discharge the duties of Recording Secretary during the absence of that officer.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the Librarian and Janitor to take charge of the Library, label and number all books received, charge each volume against the member drawing it, and report those who fail to return or renew their books within two weeks after taking them out; also to light and prepare the hall for each regular meeting. He shall not permit any one to visit the Society Hall unless accompanied by himself. He shall make out a full report at the close of his term of office.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the Critics to give written criticisms of all declamations, essays, orations, and speeches in the regular and irregular debates, and read the same to the Society at the close of the irregular debate; also, to report questions for discussion two weeks in advance.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the Chaplain to open each regular meeting with prayer.

ARTICLE V.

MEMBERSHIP.

Any student of good moral character, not under fourteen years of age, desirous of becoming a member of this Society, shall be proposed one week previous to his election, and on receiving two-thirds of the votes cast, and having paid his initiation fee, shall be entitled to full membership.

ARTICLE VI.

DUTIES OF MEMBERS.

Each member shall be present at all regular meetings, and perform the duties assigned him; and while the Society is in session he shall preserve the strictest order and decorum.

ARTICLE VII.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

The graduate members, and all men of distinction that the Society may elect, shall be Honorary Members of this Society.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the Society, and all amendments shall be proposed in writing, one week previous to being voted upon.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

SEC. 1. The regular meeting of this Society shall be held on every Friday evening during the Collegiate Year, at such hours as the Society may designate.

SEC. 2. A majority of the acting members of this Society shall constitute a quorum for transacting business.

ARTICLE II.

ELECTION.

The officers of this Society shall be elected once every five weeks, except the Editors, who shall be elected the first meeting of each college term. Said officers shall be elected separately and by ballot, except the Chaplain and Assistant Librarian, who shall be appointed by the President upon taking his seat. In said elections, the member receiving a majority of all the votes cast shall be declared duly elected. If there should be no election on the first ballot, the voting shall be confined to the two members having the highest number of votes; or if there be a tie between more than two members, the voting shall be confined to said members.

ARTICLE III.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President shall, at the first regular meeting of each college term, appoint three Standing Committees, viz:

1st. A PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE, consisting of three, whose duty it shall be to investigate the cases of all members who may be referred to them by the Society for any of the following offences: Suffering dues and penalties to remain unpaid longer than the By-Laws direct, casting more than one ballot at the same time, or being injurious to the interests of the Society, and also to report at the next meeting by resolution, to the

effect that the member be expelled, suspended or excused, as they may think proper, which resolution shall lie upon the table at least one week, and the offending member shall be notified of the character of the resolution by the Recording Secretary, and requested to be present at the time appointed for considering the same, with a view of giving an opportunity to make a defence. At the time appointed, whether the accused shall be present or not, a majority of the members present shall have power to adopt or reject said resolution, which action shall be final.

2d. A LIBRARIAN COMMITTEE, consisting of three, whose duty it shall be to propose such measures as they may deem conducive to the interest of the Library.

3d. A FINANCIAL COMMITTEE, consisting of three, whose duty it shall be to carefully examine the books and accounts of the Treasurer, and report on the same immediately preceeding each change of officers; also to examine and report on all claims against the Society previous to their being passed for payment.

ARTICLE IV.

INITIATION.

The initiation fee of this Society shall be *Two Dollars*, payable immediately after election.

ARTICLE V.

TRIBUTES AND PENALTIES.

SEC. 1. Each member shall pay the sum of twenty-five cents on the first meeting in each collegiate term, for the support of the Society.

SEC. 2. Any member for absence from the Society, for failing to perform his duty, for improper language or disorderly conduct while the Society is in session, for leaving the hall without being excused by the President, for misusing or retaining a volume from the Library longer than two weeks without renewal, or for committing his declamation or oration in such a manner that in the delivery of the same he will need a prompter, shall be subject to a fine of not less than ten cents.

SEC. 3. Should the Secretary, Treasurer, or any officer, neglect to have at the meetings such books and papers belonging to the Society as may be necessary to use, he shall, unless a satisfactory excuse is given, be fined for each offence ten cents.

SEC. 4. For such offences or acts of negligence as are not mentioned in the above sections, the President, with the consent of the Society, may impose a fine not exceeding twenty-five cents.

SEC. 5. The tributes and fines of each member shall be paid within two weeks after assessment.

ARTICLE VI.

ETIQUETTE.

SEC. 1. Any member rising to address the house shall first address the President, and when two or more members shall rise at the same time, the President shall decide who has the floor.

SEC. 2. No member shall speak more than twice on any one subject, except to make an explanation or suggestion.

ARTICLE VII.

ESSAYISTS.

All essayists shall hand in their essays to the Critics for criticism, Wednesday before the meeting of Society.

ARTICLE VIII.

REPORTS.

SEC. 1. The Vice President and Librarian shall each make a written report at the expiration of his term of office.

SEC. 2. The President, on the evening following the election of officers, shall deliver a valedictory address.

SEC. 3. All reports of officers, together with the address of the President, shall be filed in the archives of the Society.

SEC. 4. If the President shall neglect to perform the duties named in the above section, he shall be subject to a fine of not less than fifty cents, nor more than one dollar.

SEC. 5. If the Vice President or Librarian shall fail to comply with sections first and third of this article, they shall be subject to a fine of not less than twenty-five cents, nor more than fifty cents each.

ARTICLE IX.

APPEALS.

Any member may appeal to the house from the decision of the chair, except in decision of regular debate.

ARTICLE X.

EXCUSES.

Any member excused from College shall be considered excused from the Society.

ARTICLE XI.

BILLS AND REPORTS.

SEC. 1. When a bill is presented to the Society for payment, it shall be first read in open meeting, and referred to the Committtee on Finance.

SEC. 2. All reports of committees, except those of progress, shall be made in writing, and signed by a majority of the committee.

SEC. 3. When the majority report is followed by a report from the minority of a committee, the former shall lie on the table until the latter is presented and read, when on motion either may be considered.

ARTICLE XII.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, 1*st.* That no member be allowed to interrupt the speaker in debate, by more than one explanation.

Resolved, 2*d.* That no one be permitted to make an explanation except the one to whom the speaker refers.

Resolved, 3*d*. That the use of tobacco in the hall be considered a violation of good order, and a fineable offence.

Resolved, 4*th*. That no member be allowed to hold more than one elective office at the same time.

ARTICLE XIII.

PLATO SCHOLARSHIP.

SEC. 1. This scholarship shall be held as a prize by the Society, to encourage the members to industry and diligence in the discharge of all Society duties.

SEC. 2. Its use shall be awarded for the next succeeding term, to that member who, during any College Term, shall have best performed all the Society duties which may have been properly devolved upon him.

SEC. 3. Each College Term, at such time as the Society may designate, not earlier than ten days before the close of the term, the President, with the consent of the Society, shall appoint a committee of three, who shall carefully examine, and shall report the names of such as are entitled to be considered as candidates for the prize; and after such report the Society shall proceed immediately, and without debate, to elect by ballot, from among the persons so named, one who shall be entitled to the use of the scholarship for the term next ensuing; any ballot cast for a person whose name is not reported shall be considered as a blank.

SEC. 4. No member who, during the term, shall have been deficient in, or excused from, any duty, unless in case of sickness, or some other unavoidable circumstance, shall be a competitor.

ARTICLE XIV.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 1. No amendment shall be made to these By-Laws, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting.

SEC. 2. Any amendment proposed to these By-Laws shall be made in writing, and signed by three members of the Society, and it shall be read in open meeting one week previous to being voted upon.

ARTICLE XV.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1st. Prayer.
2d. Calling Roll.
3d. Reading Minutes.
4th. Declamations, Essays, and Orations.
5th. Regular Debate, and Decision of President.
6th. Report and Change of Officers.
7th. Irregular Debate.
8th. Proposals and Election of Candidates for Membership.
9th. Election of Officers.
10th. Miscellaneous Business.
11th. Order of Performance read for one and two weeks.
12th. List of Absentees read.
13th. Adjournment.

CATALOGUE OF BOOKS

OF THE

Platonian Literary Society.

HISTORICAL.

Rollin's Ancient History, 2 vols.
Milner's Church History.
Elements of History.
Grimshaw's United States.
Merill's Greece.
American War.
Hume's History of England, 6 vols.
Gibbon's Rome, 6 vols.
History of the American Revolution.
Gutzlaff's History of China.
Sear's Great Britain and Ireland.
Rise & Fall of the Dutch Rep'blic, 3 v.
History of All Nations, 2 vols.
Church History, Gregory and Butler.
Botta's American War, 2 vols.
Ecclesiastical History.
Universal Naval History, Frost.
McIntosh's Book of Indians.
Military Transactions in Hindostan.
Rollin's Ancient History, 8 vols.
Macauley's History of England, 4 vols.
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COM.

HISTORICAL SKETCH.

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OBJECT.

The object of the Society is "the mutual improvement of its members in discussion, oratory, and literature." The general advancement in knowledge, and proper qualification for future usefulness, are the incentives that actuate its members. This they expect to attain by rigid discipline, united effort and untiring industry; and truly hope that they may not only occupy a high and honorable position in life, but may ever continue to pursue, with a laudable ambition, the true *via sapientiæ*.

CALENDAR.

The meetings of the Society are held on every Friday evening of the Collegiate year. The quarterly exhibition of the Society takes place on the week preceding examination. The anniversary address is delivered before the Society on the third Wednesday in April; and the annual address on Commencement day.

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